

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.
S 5405 US-OP/MM**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
Francis BRIAND, Christian BONNET and Philippe LEFEBVRE
corresponding to French application No. 0007013, filed May
31, 2000,
entitled: LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE GAS
MIXTURE

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Serial No. , filed . |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | an assignment of the invention to L'Air Liquid, Societe Anonyme
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Claude, including assignment cover sheet. |
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